

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/US2005/001275

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 C08B37/00 A61K31/737

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, BIOSIS, EMBASE, WPI Data, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X A	WO 91/15216 A (KENNEDY, THOMAS, P; HOIDAL, JOHN, R) 17 October 1991 (1991-10-17) abstract page 1, line 25 - line 30 page 4, line 21 - line 24 page 9, line 26 - line 34 page 10, line 23 - line 25; tables II, III page 13, line 10 - line 17 ----- -/--	9-23 24, 25

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
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X	<p>CHEN CHIH-CHIUN ET AL: "The angiogenic factors Cyr61 and connective tissue growth factor induce adhesive signaling in primary human skin fibroblasts" JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, vol. 276, no. 13, 30 March 2001 (2001-03-30), pages 10443-10452, XP002327421 ISSN: 0021-9258 abstract pages 10444 and 10445, section "Adhesion of primary human skin fibroblasts to CTGF requires both integrin alpha6beta1 and cell surface HSPGs"; figure 1 page 10450, right-hand column, line 60 - line 62 page 10451, left-hand column, line 9 - line 11</p>	26-33
X,P	<p>GAO R ET AL: "Connective Tissue Growth Factor (CCN2) Induces Adhesion of Rat Activated Hepatic Stellate Cells by Binding of Its C-terminal Domain to Integrin alphavbeta3 and Heparan Sulfate Proteoglycan" JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTS, BALTIMORE, MD, US, vol. 279, no. 10, 5 March 2004 (2004-03-05), pages 8848-8855, XP002313822 ISSN: 0021-9258 cited in the application abstract page 8848, left-hand column, line 4 - right-hand column, line 22 page 8849, left-hand column, line 8 - line 16 pages 8852 and 8853, section "Adhesion of activated HSC to CCN2(4) requires cell surface HSPGs"; figure 7 page 8855, left-hand column, line 15 - line 19</p>	26-33

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 17, 18
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 17 and 18 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1-8
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☒ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box II.1

Although claims 17 and 18 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Continuation of Box II.2

Claims Nos.: 1-8

Present claims 1 to 8 relate to compounds defined only by reference to a certain use, namely for modulating CTGF-cell adhesion. The claims cover all compounds suitable for that use, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds mentioned in claims 9 to 16.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 9-25

Sulfated polysaccharides and the medical use thereof.

2. claims: 26-33

Methods for identifying agents that modulate CTGF-cell adhesion (via HSPGs).

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Information on patent family members

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Patent document cited in search report		Publication date		Patent family member(s)		Publication date
WO 9115216	A	17-10-1991	AU	7681091 A		30-10-1991
			WO	9115216 A1		17-10-1991
